

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

JEANNA NORRIS, on behalf of herself)	
and all others similarly situated,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	Case No. 1:21-cv-00756
)	
vs.)	
)	
PRESIDENT SAMUEL L. STANLEY, JR.,)	
in his official capacity as President of)	
Michigan State University; DIANNE)	
BYRUM, In her official capacity as Chair)	
of the Board of Trustees, DAN KELLY,)	
in his official capacity as Vice Chair)	
of the Board of Trustees; and RENEE)	
JEFFERSON, PAT O'KEEFE,)	
BRIANNA T. SCOTT, KELLY TEBAY,)	
and REMA VASSAR in their official)	
capacities as Members of the Board of)	
Trustees,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**MSU'S BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
INITIAL EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO COMPLAINT**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b), the MSU defendants (collectively, "MSU") seek an initial three-week extension of their deadline to respond to plaintiff Jeanna Norris's complaint, to and including October 14, 2021.

Norris filed her complaint on August 27, 2021 and served it on MSU on August 30, 2021. *See* ECF Nos. 1 & 6. Accordingly, MSU's initial deadline to respond to the complaint is September 23, 2021.

Along with her complaint, Norris moved for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction. *See* ECF Nos. 3 & 4. On August 31, 2021, the Court denied Norris's

motion for a temporary restraining order and set a briefing schedule on her preliminary injunction motion, culminating in a hearing currently set for September 22, 2021. *See* ECF No. 7. MSU seeks the requested extension in good faith to ensure that it can devote its resources to responding to Norris's preliminary injunction motion before responding to the complaint. *See, e.g., Dykes v. Marshall*, No. 1:14-CV-1167, 2017 WL 3614427, at *1 (W.D. Mich. Aug. 23, 2017) (confirming that Rule 6(b)(1) authorizes the Court to extend unexpired deadlines for "good cause"). The requested extension also will not prejudice Norris, whose counsel confirmed on September 16, 2021 that she does not object to MSU's motion.

Accordingly, MSU respectfully requests that its initial deadline to respond to Norris's complaint be extended to and including October 14, 2021.

Date: September 20, 2021

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I hereby certify that on September 20, 2021, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically. Service of this filing will be made on all ECF-registered counsel of record by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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